

St. Michael's & St. Mary's

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St. Michael's Prayer Chain	Carmen Juarez: 729-3623	

6th Sunday of Easter

April 30/May 1, 2016



***St. Michael's and St. Mary's Parishes** would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting us or are new to the area. If you are not currently registered at St. Michael's or St. Mary's and consider this your Parish, please call the Rectory at 729-2058.*

St. Mary's Parish Council: Duane Bartek, Ritchie Burkhart, Peggy Niederklein, Rhonda Burkhart and Donna Rut **Trustees:** Bob VanWesten and Bob Bachle

St. Mary's PCCW: Deb Vanwesten

St. Michael's Parish Council: Mary Mach, Eddie Lytle, Devin Lovgren, Doug Kapke, LeAnn Krause, Dave Panko, Dave Banahan and Bruce Busing

Trustees: Keith Mach and Randy Prellwitz

St. Michael's PCCW: Linda McMurphy

Knights of Columbus: Dan Arner

CCD Coordinator: Mary Mach

Ministers' Schedules for May 7/8, 2016			
	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Joe Busing	Bob VanWesten	James Huber
Lector	Randy Prellwitz	Rhonda Burkhart	Devin Lovgren
Server	Aldo Ramos		RJ Suey
Server	Salvador Chavez		Braden Suey
Music	Mary Banahan	Lorrie Hofstetter	Janice Bell
Gifts/Greeters	Ronn & Betty Brackle	Richie & Rhonda Burkhart	Ronda Cary
Collection	Bruce Busing/Dave Banahan		
Church Cleaning for May – Trish Endorf			

- BULLETIN:** If you have news for the bulletin, please call the Rectory 729-2058 or or email info@stmichaelsfairbury.org News must be in Thursday by 10:00 AM to be in the week's bulletin.
- ADOPT A PRIEST:** Our Deanery is taking part in the "Adopt a Priest" program. St. Michael's has adopted **Fr. Leo Seiker**; please keep him in your prayers.
- SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK:** Please keep our Seminarian of the week, Vinh Quoc Tran in your prayers.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE				
Monday	May 2		St. Michael's	No Mass
Tuesday	May 3	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Oscar & Sadie Stoltzer+
Wednesday	May 4	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Marcellen Siegel+
Holy Day Ascension Thursday	May 5	5:30PM	St. Mary's	John & Donna Rut All Souls Day Int
		7:00 pm	St. Michael's Adoration to follow until midnight in the main Church	People of the Parishes
Friday	May 6	12:10PM	St. Michael's	Jim & Elaine Cortney All Souls Day Int
Saturday	May 7	5:30PM	St. Michael's	Linda Lytle+
Sunday	May 8	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	People of the Parishes
Sunday	May 8	10:00AM	St. Michael's	Kathleen Selig All Souls Day Int
Confessions	St. Michael's	Saturday	4:45 PM to 5:15 PM	
	St. Mary's	Sunday	7:45 AM	

If you or someone you know would like our parish family to join you in prayer for their special needs, please contact the parish office.

Please pray for:

Susan Hammer
 Betty (Mrs. Morgan) Brackle
 Eddie Lytle
 Alene Hays
 Mary Ann Muller

Marie Kosmacek
 Vonja Scheer
 Rita Stone
 Randy Wilhelm

Parish News & Upcoming Events

Parish collection data:
4/24/16

	<u><i>St. Michael's</i></u>	<u><i>St. Mary's</i></u>
Adult	\$950.00	\$215.00
Plate	68.00	20.00
Children	8.00	
Building Upkeep	10.00	
Debt Reduction		
Cemetery		
Music Fund		
Total	\$1,036.00	\$235.00

St Michael's Debt Reduction current total \$3,380.00.

Thought of the Week: “Everything comes from love, all is ordained for the salvation of man. God does nothing without this goal in mind.” St. Catherine of Siena

The Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on Thursday May 5th. Please volunteer for a ministry. See the daily Mass chart for times & locations.

CCD End of the year picnic will be May 5th 6:15-7:15 at the park. Dinner will be provided by the Knight's of Columbus!

Please sign-up to lead the Rosary during the month of May, to honor our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Knights of Columbus meeting on Tuesday May 10th. There is a Rosary at 6:30 in the Crypt & the meeting begins at 7:00 in the Center.

Totus Tuus summer program will be June 5-10th. Please make plans to have your children attend.

Confirmation was a great success! Thanks to all who worked.
Congratulations to all those who were Confirmed!



Leah Mach, Jami Mans, Josi Mans, Ellie Ohlde, Ellie Livingston, Braden Suey, Connor Gerths, Salvador Chavez & Mariel Ramos



Please pick up any dish you may have from the church entrance.

Thank all the children who helped feed those in need!!!! We took the food to blue valley community action and we had 167 lbs and \$3.00!!!!

Knights News: The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the Parish for their support of our Lenten Fish Fries. Your generosity resulted in \$2702.00 in donations and after expenses, the profits were \$1745.00. Approximately 313 meals were served. We would also like to thank the donors for all the great deserts provided. Since this is the major fundraiser for the council, the donations go along way to support our service programs in Church, Youth, Family, Council, Community, and Culture of Life.

Knights Programs: Part of your donations given at the fish fries went to support the following: Server recognition-\$140.00, Catholic Come Home Radio Ads-\$200.00, Food Bank-\$200.00 (\$167 in matching the youth collection 167 lbs of food + \$33 round-up), Totus Tuus program-\$500.00, 1st Communion sets-\$50.00. Additional programs supported are the CCD picnic, CCD Christmas giving tree, and Region V Christmas Dinner. Thank you again for your support. Second Sunday pancake breakfast will resume on Aug 14.

Breakfast St. Mary's will have a Mother's Day breakfast on Sunday May 8.

Please do not use tape on varnished wood surfaces.

If you (or someone in your family) is gluten intolerant, you may request a low gluten host. Once we talk about it, then we can make arrangements.

Best Choice: Save Labels for Cash Program We are participating in the Save Labels for Cash Program and all you need to do is save your UPC's off of Best Choice products and drop them in the bucket in the Church vestibule. The Church will receive \$30 in cash for each bundle of 1,000 UPC's.... So start saving!

Prayer Cards available: with a Prayer of Renunciation, Deliverance & Healing are on the back table.

FORMED.ORG: What do YOU need to find this material? First, an access code at the website www.formed.org. You should see the

registration box. The Saint Michael and St. Mary's parish access code is **ZYD94C**. Now, you set up a username and password. That's it. You are now set up to use all the great programs on FORMED.org anytime by simply logging in.

Local and Area news

The following donations were collected from parishes and deaneries of the Lincoln Diocese over the past two years:

Burse Fund for seminarians - \$14,641.71 **Bishop's Project - Camp Kateri** - \$11,295.00 **President's Project - St. Gianna Women's Homes** - \$14,618.75 plus 13 sets of apartment furnishings for St. Gianna's which were provided by all 13 deaneries.

Basket raffle proceeds to **CSS Thrift Stores** - \$661 Convention raffle proceeds to **Spirit Catholic Radio** - \$941.00; **Pi Alpha Chi** (UNL Catholic sorority) - \$504.55 and **Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House** - \$485.55 Thank you to everyone who participated! Ann Jansky

Camp Villa Marie's Summer Camp for Children with Special Needs, will be held June 6 – 10th, 2016 for children ages 7—16. Enrollment is limited to 16 campers. The cost is \$225 for 5 days for boarders and \$175 for 5 days for day campers.

For more information, please call Sr. Jeanette at [402-786-3625](tel:402-786-3625) (weekdays) or [402-786-2750](tel:402-786-2750) (weekends) or email her at sr.jeanette-rerucha@cdolinc.net

The feast:

Easter is the principal feast of the ecclesiastical year. Leo I (Sermo xlvii in Exodum) calls it the greatest feast (festum festorum), and says that Christmas is celebrated only in preparation for Easter. It is the centre of the greater part of the ecclesiastical year. The order of Sundays from Septuagesima to the last Sunday after Pentecost, the feast of the Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, and all other movable feasts, from that of the Prayer of Jesus in the

Garden (Tuesday after Septuagesima) to the feast of the Sacred Heart (Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi), depend upon the Easter date. Commemorating the slaying of the true Lamb of God and the Resurrection of Christ, the corner-stone upon which faith is built, it is also the oldest feast of the Christian Church, as old as Christianity, the connecting link between the Old and New Testaments. That the Apostolic Fathers do not mention it and that we first hear of it principally through the controversy of the Quartodecimans are purely accidental. The connection between the Jewish Passover and the Christian feast of Easter is real and ideal. Real, since Christ died on the first Jewish Easter Day; ideal, like the relation between type and reality, because Christ's death and Resurrection had its figures and types in the Old Law, particularly in the paschal lamb, which was eaten towards evening of the 14th of Nisan. In fact, the Jewish feast was taken over into the Christian Easter celebration; the liturgy (*Exsultet*) sings of the passing of Israel through the Red Sea, the paschal lamb, the column of fire, etc. Apart, however, from the Jewish feast, the Christians would have celebrated the anniversary of the death and the Resurrection of Christ. But for such a feast it was necessary to know the exact calendar date of Christ's death. To know this day was very simple for the Jews; it was the day after the 14th of the first month, the 15th of Nisan of their calendar. But in other countries of the vast Roman Empire there were other systems of chronology. The Romans from 45 B.C. had used the reformed Julian calendar; there were also the Egyptian and the Syro-Macedonian calendar. The foundation of the Jewish calendar was the lunar year of 354 days, whilst the other systems depended on the solar year. In consequence the first days of the Jewish months and years did not coincide with any fixed days of the Roman solar year.